

**Governmental Affairs Committee  
Regular Meeting  
September 16, 2002-8:00 p.m.  
Tribal Office Board Room**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Chairperson of the Committee Sylvia Wilber called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Those present: Ben Kaquatosh, Annette Warrington, Linda Zablocki and Kathy Kaquatosh. Apesanahkwat was absent. John Wilhelmi was also present for the meeting.

**2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.**

**3. Review Minutes Dated August 8th, August 23rd, and August 28th-**

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the minutes of August 8th, August 23rd, and August 28th, 2002. Seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

**4. Review Ordinances 79-14 Tribal Judiciary and Ordinance 85-01 Police Chief-**

Committee reviewed both ordinances and decided that they are old and may need to make many changes. Chairperson Wilber stated that she would meet with Ben and Kathy along with John Wilhelmi to review the Tribal Judiciary ordinance. They will meet on Friday September 20th at 8:00 a.m. in the Human Resource department.

Ben stated that it will be a big job reviewing the Judiciary ordinance and that another meeting should be set to discuss the Police Chief ordinance. Chairperson Wilber will work with Ben, Kathy, Linda and John Wilhelmi on that ordinance. They set up a meeting for September 27th at 8:00 a.m. in Human Resources.

**5. Collections Policy Update-**

Linda Zablocki informed the committee that she is still working on getting all the information from departments. So far, 16 departments sent back responses to the memo she sent requesting that the departments submit what they have on collection procedures. Linda will keep the committee informed.

**6. Other Business-**

Dan Maine from Insurance was present to request that the committee make a recommendation to the Legislature to change the waiting period for eligibility for insurance. Last year it is changed to a six month waiting period but then exceptions were made to professional employees that are being hired in a competitive field such as doctors, nurses, and teachers etc. and were being offered insurance right away as a hiring incentive.

Committee members briefly discussed the issue and Chairperson Wilber stated that it's only fair to change it back if you are going to make exceptions. Ben Kaquatosh stated that he agreed it should be changed. Dan stated that most businesses don't make you wait six months before being eligible for insurance. Dan would like it changed to first day of the month, following sixty (60) days of employment.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature change it's eligibility process for Health/Insurance benefits from its current waiting time of six months to the first day of the month following sixty (60) days of employment. Seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

**7. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to adjourn. Seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services